

REMARKS

Election of species

The Examiner has required election of several species with respect to the claims. Applicants elect species as follows:

For the nature of the oligonucleotide, as between an RNA/DNA chimera and a DNA oligonucleotide, Applicants elect a DNA oligonucleotide. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 14-17, 18-25, 28-30 and 32-35 are generic to this species election. Claim 6 recites the elected species as between two alternatives.

For the nature of the "particulate form", as between "solution-like" and "solid-like", Applicants elect "solution-like". Claims 1-11, 15, 16, 18, 22-25, 30 and 32-35 are generic to this species election. Claim 11 recites the elected species.

For the nature of the transformed cell, as among a mammalian cell and a yeast or fungal cell, Applicants elect a mammalian cell. Claims 1-11, 14-17, 18-22, 25, 28-30 and 32-35 are generic as to this species. Claim 23 recites the elected species.

For the route of administration, as among those listed in claim 32, Applicants elect "intraorgan". 1-11, 14-17, 18-25, 28-30 and 33-35 are generic to the elected species. Claim 32 recites the elected species among a Markush group of alternatives.

Applicants have made the above elections with the understanding that, should the elected species be found patentable, the Examiner will extend the search to additional species for each required election to determine if the generic claims are patentable.

Favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

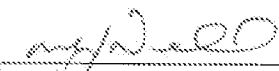
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Registration No. 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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